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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/052,199
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	Art Unit	2643
	Examiner Name	DIONNE HARVEY
	Attorney Docket Number	022176-000610US/ISM-006CNT

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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of 2 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
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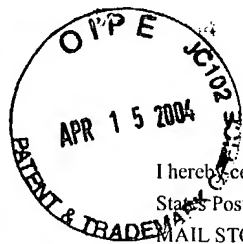
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Sir:

Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in order to (1) submit formal substitute drawings, and (2) to file an Information Disclosure Statement. Both of these items will be submitted within 60 days of this RCE filing, and Applicants request that no action on this case be taken until the new papers have been received.

The undersigned is Applicant's new counsel and will be submitting a substitute Power of Attorney shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

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